

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments, and the telephone discussion with the Examiner on October 10, 2003, reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 is requested. Applicant has attempted to address each of the points raised in paragraph 2 of said Office Action to the extent necessary.

Early and favorable action is requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #1892/47565).

Respectfully submitted,

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